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Ref: 10/144

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000: COINS database

Thank you for your enquiry dated 16 February requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. You asked for –

*the training materials that are given to new staff to the Treasury as they are familiarising themselves with the COINS accounting system.*

3. We have identified information relevant to your request. However, it is information that engages the exemption at section 43(2) of the Act as it contains material, including screenshots of the database user interface, to which intellectual property rights attach.

4. This is an exemption that requires us to consider all the attendant circumstances in deciding whether the balance of public interest lies in maintaining the exemption or else in disclosing the information, despite the exemption.

5. The Act allows us to take reasonable additional time as necessary to complete this judgement. Although we always aim to provide a final response within twenty working days, in this case we do need to take some additional time, and we will aim to let you know the outcome by the end of the month.

6. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Paul Morran  
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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 2/S2, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

Email [FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk)

Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

